AFGHANISTAN SECURITY-STABILITY DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on developments in security and stability in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michele Flournoy, Under Secretary, Policy; and LTG John M. Paxton, Jr., USMC, Director, Operations, J–3, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

PROTECTING OLDER WORKERS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on H.R. 3721, Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3993, Calling Card Consumer Protection Act.

The Committee also began consideration of H.R. 3655, Bereaved Consumer's Bill of Rights Act.

U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Testimony was heard from David Kappos, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY ACT REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on Electronic Communications Privacy Act Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4349, amended, Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2009; H.R. 2889, amended, Oregon Caves National Monument Boundary Adjustment Act of 2009; H.R. 4438, amended, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Leasing and Boundary Expansion Act of 2010; H.R. 4491, Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act; H.R. 4493, amended, Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Management Enhancement Act of 2010; H.R. 3511, amended, Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Facility Authorization Act of 2009; and H. Res. 1254, without recommendation, Directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the Secretary's Treasured Landscape

Initiative, potential designation of National Monuments, and High Priority Land-Rationalization Efforts.

HOUSING D.C. CODE FELONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled "Housing D.C. Code Felons Far Away From Home: Effects on Crime, Recidivism and Reentry." Testimony was heard from Harley Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; Adrienne Poteat, Deputy Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2010

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4900, Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2010.

HOME STAR ENERGY RETROFIT ACT OF 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by nonrecord vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5019, the "Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010." The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in the report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on